

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Advisory Action, mailed July 12, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. The Advisory Action advised that the amendment filed June 23, 2005 would not be entered. Accordingly, the claims included with this Amendment are based on the claims filed by Applicant on October 5, 2004. The amendments made herein are in accordance with the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter, as set forth on page 6 of the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004.

Claims 1-52, 55, and 83 are allowed. Claims 61, 62, 71, 78, and 79 are allowable based on amendments to their base claims. Claims 60, 67, 70, 72, 75, and 82 are hereby amended; claims 56-59, 64-66, 68, 69, 73, 74, 76, 77, 84, and 85 are hereby canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein; claims 53-54, 63, 80, and 81 were previously canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-52, 55, 60-62, 67, 70-72, 75, 78-79, 82, and 83 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Office objected to claim 64. Claim 64 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the objection to claim 64 is moot.

The Office rejects claims 56, 58, 65-66, 69, 74, 76-77, and 84-85 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kluitmans *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,005,178). Claims 56, 58, 65-66, 69, 74, 76-77, and 84-85 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the objections to claims 56, 58, 65-66, 69, 74, 76-77, and 84-85 are moot.

The Office rejects claims 57, 59, 64, 68, and 73 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kluitmans *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,005,178). Claims 56, 58, 65-66, 69, 74, 76-77, and 84-85 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the objections to claims 56, 58, 65-66, 69, 74, 76-77, and 84-85 are moot.

The Office has allowed claims 1-52, 55, and 83. The Office has stated that claims 60-62, 67, 70-72, 75, 78-79, and 82 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

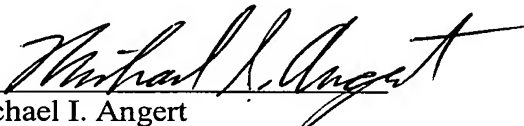
Claim 60 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of its base claim and any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable. Claims 61 and 62 depend from allowable claim 60, and, accordingly, are allowable themselves. Claim 67 and 70 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of their base claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore allowable. Claim 71 depends from allowable claim 70 and, accordingly, is allowable itself. Claim 72 and 75 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore allowable. Claims 78 and 79 depend, either directly or through an intervening claim, from allowable claim 75 and, accordingly, are allowable themselves. Claim 82 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of its base claim and any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed.

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